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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Appendix** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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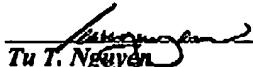
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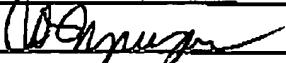

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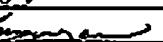
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